

Application No. 10/068,158
Amendment dated April 16, 2004
Reply to Office Action of February 25, 2004

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REMARKS

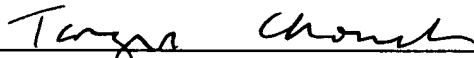
Applicants appreciate the consideration shown by the Office, as evidenced by the Office Action, mailed on February 25, 2004. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-14 and 18-29. Claims 15-17 have been canceled, without prejudice. As such, Claims 1-14 and 18-29 remain in the case with none of the claims being allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application by the Examiner in light of the attached Terminal Disclaimer and the following remarks offered in response to the February 25, 2004 Office Action.

Claims 1-14 and 18-29 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,368,525.

Applicants therefore are filing concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-14 and 18-29. In light of the Terminal Disclaimer and remarks presented herein, Applicants submit that the case is in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully requests such action. If, however, any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's counsel at the number provided below.

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